

REMARKS/AMENDMENTS

I. Status of Claims

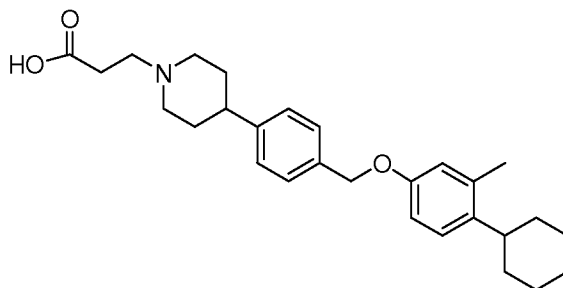
Claims 1 to 14 are pending in this application. Claims 1-14 are subject to a restriction and election requirement. Claim 13 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

II. Response to the Restriction Requirement

The claims are restricted into two groups. Applicants elect group II for prosecution on the merits. The election of Group II is made with traverse. Claims 1-14 emerge from a common inventive concept and Applicants respectfully submit that searching the compounds of claims 1-14 would not be an undue burden on the Examiner.

Election of Species

Applicants elect the species described as Example 1 on page 24, namely, 3-{4-[4-(4-cyclohexyl-3-methyl-phenoxy)methyl]-phenyl]-piperidin-1-yl}-propionic acid, having structure:



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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-812-1796.

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